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SUBJ: SARG THWARTS MUSLIM PLAN TO RAID CHRISTIAN VILLAGES

1. ACCORDING TO TWO USUALLY RELIABLE SOURCES, GROUP OF MUSLIM VILLAGERS FROM TELL (ARRPOX FIFTEEN KILOMETERS NORTH OF DAMASCUS) RECENTLY PLANNED TO RAID TWO NEARBY CHRISTIAN VILLAGES. SARG INTELLIGENCE SERVICE REPORTEDLY DETAINED ATTACKERS BEFORE THEY ABLE TO REACH THEIR OBJECTIVES. STORY CIRCULATING IN DAMASCUS IS THAT ALLEGED CHIEF OF CONSPIRATORS, MUHAMMAD JARRAH, RETURNED RECENTLY FROM LIBYA AND WAS ARRESTED WITH LARGE SUM OF MONEY IN HIS POSSESSION WHICH HAS EXCITED SARG SUSPICIONS CONCERNING POSSIBLE LIBYAN INVOLVEMENT IN SCHEME. TRADITIONALLY HYPERSENSITIVE CHRISTIAN MINORITY CONCERNED THAT CONFESSIONAL TENSIONS IN LEBANON MAY SPILL OVER INTO SYRIA.

2. DETAILS FOLLOW BY AIRGRAM.

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